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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Agency's History Program

STAT 1. I have some concerns about the Agency's history program. To begin with, I understand budget cuts have reduced the size of the program [redacted] in the last five or six years. Beyond that, I understand there has been nothing of significance done on the Agency history since 1970 and there are substantial gaps prior to that. Finally, I'm told that the state of the Agency's history reflects somewhat the prior state of attitude of there being four agencies rather than one, i.e., each component has its own history recently up to date but the overall Agency history is neglected. (I note, for instance, that even counterintelligence has two retirees working right now on the history of that sub-component.)

2. I wonder if we should have the EAG or some other group look at the state of our history. I know we are tight on personnel and on external research money, but I do not think we should leave a legacy of neglect here. If there has to be neglect, I would prefer it to be in component and sub-component histories and that we at least have the history of the CIA as a whole well documented.

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